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OPENING OF POST OFFICE IN EACH GRAM PANCHAYAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a post office in every Gram Panchayat in the country;

(b) if so, the time by which the action is likely to be taken in this regard;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats in the country in which post offices have been opened at present;

(d) the number of Gram Panchayats in which post offices are yet to be opened; and

(e) the time by which the same are likely to be opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Expansion of Postal Network is taken up as a Plan activity depends upon availability of requisite resources and fulfilment of prescribed norms.

(c) 115247 Gram Panchayat villages have been provided with post offices as on 31.3.2001.

(d) & (e) 118992 Gram Panchayat villages were without a Post Office as on 31.3.2001 However, the postal facilities of collection and delivery of mails & stationary are provided to all the villages in the country including Gram Panchayat villages. Opening of Post Offices in these Gram Panchayat villages is subject to fulfilment of prescribed norms and availability of requisite resources.